

He Took My Place (Mark 15:1-15)

Proposition: In the text before us tonight we see the Lamb of God being offered up for Sinners.

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It was 1794 during the Reign of Terror in Paris under Robespierre. Many were falsely imprisoned during that horrible rule. One July night an old prisoner was walking among the prisoners when he came upon a sleeping figure. This sleeping person caught his attention and after closer inspection he realized it was his son who had been captured and placed into prison. One would have for his son and realizing that tomorrow morning he'd be executed, he devised a plan to take his place when the executioner called. He watched his son sleep all night. In the early morning hours the soldier call Jean Simon de Laizerolle! "Here!" said the father. On the way to the guillotine they passed thru the book keeping. Jean Simon de Laizerolle age 37. I am Jean Simon de Laizerolle but I am 73. Stupid mistake said the soldier. The Ledger was corrected, the father was led to the guillotine and quickly killed.

The son awake expected death at any
I. The Lamb of God Presented as Spotless
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A. Spotless Despite the Priests Accusation
Upon finishing the religious mock trial they had to bring a civil charge against Jesus to get a death penalty. Rome had to approve. They cooked up the charge, that he was a threat to the rule of Rome!

Here the Priests accusing accusing! and Christ says nothing. Not a word. Pilate asks you the King of the Jews? As you say was Jesus reply. Other gospel details Jesus confession that he is a King but not of this world. He poses no threat to a temporal throne!

B. Spotless Before Pilate's Analysis

Pilate was no pushover. No powder puff. He is described in ancient writing as brutal, inflexible, merciless and obstinate man. Yet in the midst of all these accusations Pilate sees through the plot obviously this is a trumped up charge. Human reason is to defend. Yet Jesus said nothing as if the charges were so ridiculous as to not merit a response. Pilate was awe struck with the innocence of this man and this bloody ruler seems to be the only one to

II. The Lamb of God Presented as Substitute

When a man guilty of sin came to the tabernacle w/ a sacrifice it would be inspected, then when found w/o blemish

1) ...death at any moment was informed that an old man that stood over him all night, answered his call to execution while he slept. But I'm Jean Simon de Louiserolle he cried! In bitter tears he realized it was his father that had taken his place. Three days later the Reign of Terror was over. Robespierre was executed and the son released from prison. Although no illustration, not anecdote, not parable could detail what took place in our text tonight, the story of Jean Simon de Louiserolle and his father, yield up a fitting yet faint description of my title: He Took My Place! He was the sacrificial lamb offered up in my stead. In the text before us tonight we see the lamb of God being offered up for sinners.

2) ...charge that Jesus was a threat to the rule of Rome! But yet these charges can be seen through in this civil trial.

3) ...one to come to the defense of Jesus. Vs 14 Why what evil hath he done! In the gospel of John and Luke we find him repeating I find not fault with this man. He even goes so far as to try to wash his hands of the whole matter in Matthew. Jesus was inspected and found to be innocent spotless! Guiltless! A lamb without spot and without blemish!

1) ...head saying this is my substitute. All four gospels contain the Jesus for Barabas substitution and for good reason. It is a blatant depiction of the Saviour for the sinner!

2) ...picture of the natural man! Refusing to submit to Gods boundaries. Driven by hate and aggression! That is you and I in our lost condition!

3) ...supporters of Barabas there to see to his release. Where are the followers of Jesus! Where are the myriad of lives changed forever by the virtue of Jesus. Where are you Bartimaeus? Where are you Jairus? Where are you Peter? Where are you Ronnie when your opportunity to sound out for the Kingdom! It should have been me up there with a crowd that had every right to scream for my execution, but he, the innocent took my place!

4) 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The man would place his hand on it head saying th

A. The Object of Substitution - The object of Substitution was Barabas. Bar-
son alias - father Son of a Father. He was an
insurrectionist. In his hatred for Rome he had
killed and (other gospels) Rashed. He was a
notorious terrorist. He is the exact opposite
of Jesus. He was living for a present world, ruled
by hate and lawless rebellion. What a picture of

B. The Outcry of Substitution - Pilate
thinking for sure that Jesus would be
chosen of the murdering Barabas let the
crowd choose. Barabas! Give us Baraba
as this the same crowd that greeted with
palm branches and lay down their coats
now shake their fists and grit their teeth. It was
early in the morning. Maybe these were supporters of

C. The Outcome of Substitution -
vs 9. "Will ye that I release..." "Release Barabas!"
If anyone that day should have
been nailed to a Roman Execution tree
it should have been Barabas. What an
injustice! The Guilty goes free while
the innocent suffer an agonizing penalty.
Yet the wisdom of God says Rom 5:8 But God

III. The Lamb of God Punished as Sacrifice
After being identified as a substit
ute then the criminal would be
sacrificed. Brutally cut and dissect

A. The Cry for Punishment-12-13
Crucify Him! What horrid words!
No death more indescribably more
cruel, more inescapably humilitating
more excruciatingly torturous. Yet
it was demanded. The Law cries out
for justice over the eternity of the sinful
soul. Death! is the penalty. And He looks my place

B. The Conceding to Punishment-
Vs 14-15c - Pilate was convinced of Jesus
innocence yet gave into popular
conscience. Drops of water fall from his
hands in an attempt to wash away his
sinful guilt, but what can wash away
my sin? Nothing but Jesus. Many will split
hell wide open being convinced of Jesus Character

C. The Commencement of Punishment-
15d - Mark leaves out the gory de-
tails under the title "he had his scourge"
Stripped tied to column, 2 men, short whip
thong full of bone, glass metal, mutilates
his back, reports of seeing bones and vital
organs. For my lawless heart of rebellion
I should have been scourged 10,000 times over

IV. Close - Once Released from Prison
Jean Simon de Laizerolle solemnly
vowed that every moment of his life
should be worthy of his father's supreme sac-
rifice. 350 it is with every soul out of 600

1) but not bowed to his saving gosple!

2) ...but he took my place! "Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood!" One author writes "All his suffering was not designed to arouse our pity but to assure us of the extent of His love!"

3) ...saved child of God. Paul said in Gal. 2:20 Jesus Christ who loved me and gave himself for me!